





## Tameside and after

The publication of the Tameside judgment has now given the Department of Education and Science (and almost every other government department) a new text to add to their canon of sacred scripture. The legal doctrine of judicial review—a doctrine which, as Lord Devlin's interesting comment in *The Times* on Wednesday has shown, is necessary for the restraint of arbitrary executive authority, but is also capable of interfering with sensible processes of administration.

The Tameside case turned, essentially, on whether the makeshift secondary transfer scheme announced by the incoming Conservative in May was evidence of an intention to act "unreasonably". It was not disputed that it is the Secretary of State's legal prerogative to evaluate the action of local authorities and if they use or propose to use their powers under the 1944 Act "unreasonably" to issue a directive under Section 63.

It was, of course, never supposed that the Secretary of State could cheerfully substitute his own judgement for that of the L.A., or simply conclude that anyone who did not follow his line on comprehensive education was "unreasonable". As Lord Justice Diplock put it: "In public law 'unreasonable' is a descriptive of the way in which a public authority has purported to exercise a discretion vested in it by statute law within this expression it must be conducted which on sensible authority acting with due appreciation of its responsibilities would have decided to adopt." Lord Russell of Killowen expressed the same point by saying: "Unreasonably" is a very strong word indeed.

In order to satisfy themselves that the Secretary of State really was not acting unreasonably, the judges asked the question: "Would a reasonable authority have acted in this way?"

Lord Justice Diplock, in his dissent, gave the answer: "No, it would not." In which the directive was issued, and the various affidavits presented by both sides in the subsequent court action. They concluded that wise or foolish, good or bad, Tameside's proposed course of action was not so aberrant that it did not fall within the extremely wide range of actions which reasonable people could disagree about.

All they had to go on in reaching the judgement was the evidence before the court, and the examination of this evidence by the barristers engaged on both sides. The whole thing had to be done in great haste. There must be some doubt about the thoroughness with which the evidence was tested. Together cross-examination might have enabled the Secretary of State to defend his action more effectively. What the Secretary of State—and, in the event, the courts—had to do was assess the consequences of proposed future action. Much of the evidence took the form of statements of intent. Tameside said their scheme would work fairly smoothly. The DES argued that it would not, and that resort to makeshift selection so late in the day was "unreasonable". With no knowledge of the administrative background and only the affidavits of the witnesses and the arguments of barristers to help them, the judges came down unanimously on the side of the L.A.

Patricia Rowan has been looking at some of the Tameside predictions and statements of intent and comparing them with what actually happened (pages 10 and 11). Her slight suggests that the Secretary of State's scepticism about Tameside's assurances was well-justified. The selection procedures, for instance, were not carried out in the manner described by Mr. Eric Board, the chairman of the selection panel. The court would have given a great deal of attention to Mr. Board's evidence and reckoned on the basis of his statements that the selection procedures would have been carried out in a very particular manner indeed to act "unreasonably" on any major issue. Certainly the Secretary of State will want to take a chance once again in a hurry.

## Slow haste on exams

The tone of Mrs. Williams's letter to Sir Alex Smith and the accompanying memorandum setting out her reasons for taking over the further study of the Schools Council's exam proposals is distinctly cool. Those who prudently ask for the Council's cooperation, she has clearly been unimpressed where the 16-18 is concerned by the feasibility studies, their attempts to produce some workable form of administration, and their willingness to accept the costs. As for the CSE, she remains to be convinced that there is any widespread consumer demand for it.

Indeed the overwhelming impression from Mrs. Williams's answer is that she is by no means so convinced about the idea of combining CSE and O level as her own department. Could not, she seems to be asking, the same advantages be gained by much simpler adjustments to the existing exams and grades?

Mrs. Williams's answer, in this matter, her insistence that decisions must not be some sort of sixth formers' club, and her refusal to consider the possibility of a new exam system, is a very strong word indeed.

As the only alternative to the current system of public exams are virtually impossible. They need to be got right because they affect the whole of the schooling which leads up to them. If there is now some discussion, consensus emerging as to the way in which secondary schooling particularly should be encouraged to develop, that ought to be taken into account in considering examination reform. It is a very strong word indeed.

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Changed attitudes and basic skills. JOHN METCAL, director general of the CBI, outlines what he wants from Britain's secondary schools

## What industry wants

No sector of our society, least of all education, can in this day and age afford to ignore the economic setting within which it must inevitably operate and against which its aims, expectations and developments must be measured. . . . There is the recent serious decline in numbers entering productive industry at all levels, the parallel massive growth in the number of people on the dole, the immense burden upon the economy of public spending, which has prompted a growing and uncontrolled share of national resources. . . . the poor image of industry and widespread ignorance of its true function in our industrialized society, the serious problem of youth unemployment, particularly among early leavers with a poor record of achievement at school. . . .

Among the various calls which are invariably made on education, the needs of the economy for manpower must stand high. The contribution which education can make to national recovery and well being is, of course, many sided and essentially long term. It is, none the less, a vitally important one, and I would emphasize such matters of concern to industry as:

- A shift from unrestricted freedom of choice towards a sharper concern for the national interest in the shaping of educational policy.
- A shift in balance from the arts to the sciences in the output of educational institutions.
- Greater weight to be applied over pure studies.
- More encouragement and opportunities for girls in science and engineering.
- Better and more relevant science and mathematics teaching in schools.
- Improved careers education and guidance at all levels of education.

Above all, education is in a strong position to see that the attitudes and aptitudes among young people are such as to make them ready to accept change and to work responsibly and safely with a minimum of supervision. Given these qualities, industry can find application for almost any background of knowledge and education, but can only marginally influence these largely attitudinal matters by the time of employment.

This is an edited version of Mr. Metcal's talk "Secondary Education and Employment" given at a recent DES course in Oxford on the secondary curriculum and the needs of society.

The question of standards dominates much thinking about education today, particularly at the schools level. Employers have contributed to this because there has, over recent years, been growing dissatisfaction among them at the standards of achievement in schools. There is equal concern that our industrial sector does not enjoy the same esteem and goodwill as in other countries, particularly in Europe. Of these two factors, the combination of the two, can only have a devastating effect on the economy whose survival depends as much upon the efforts of productive industry. I believe that from the educational point of view the answer lies not so much in matters of teaching and curricula—although these are an important part to play—but in attitudes and outlook based on the economic and industrial fact of life and of the major changes taking place in industry.

I wish to make it quite clear that we in industry do not see the function of education as one of producing people to be valued for industrial and commercial work, but we do feel entitled to claim that the teaching profession should have an up-to-date knowledge of the aims and objectives of industry, and of the great changes, both social and technological, which are taking place.

The "Understanding British Industry" project has recently been launched by the CBI with strong backing from the educational world. The aim is to help schools to a better understanding of industry and its fundamental role in the wealth creating process, through the production of information for teachers linked with a resource centre and the appointment of regional liaison officers to act as links between individual employers and local schools. The CBI attaches great importance to this initiative and to the complementary Schools Council project being mounted with it and the TUC.

In the last analysis, industry requires from the educational system much the same as other employers—that young people should be literate, numerate, accurate and articulate and capable of initiative and responsibility. Apart from scholastic requirements within a broadly based curriculum, employers are also looking more closely for evidence of such personal qualities as discipline and self-reliance, loyalty and enthusiasm, right attitude to work, ability to communicate and work as a team, critical and thinking approach to problems, willingness to accept change and contribute ideas, and ability to work responsibly and safely with a minimum of supervision. Given these qualities, industry can find application for almost any background of knowledge and education, but can only marginally influence these largely attitudinal matters by the time of employment.

## Letters to the Editor

**Corporal punishment: savagery still with us**

Sir—Your article last week on the use of corporal punishment in Scotland, though it was, I think, not greatly surprising, was a welcome reminder of the fact that we in this country have not yet abolished it. It is a pity that the House of Lords, which would have put it to rest, has not yet done so. It is a pity that the House of Commons, which would have put it to rest, has not yet done so. It is a pity that the House of Commons, which would have put it to rest, has not yet done so.

## Battle lines drawn in curriculum debate

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able advantages, Mrs. Williams concludes that "the proposals will remain before me until they can be brought to the point where there is enough firm information for me to make a decision".

It is the detailed appendix to Mrs. Williams's letter which is unusually thought-provoking, and which, in my view, continues the increased extension of the curriculum into the home, which the department has now decided will be its role.

Criticizing the feasibility trials and the council conducted over two years before submitting its proposals, the department says they were mostly restricted to studying the curriculum in a common system, rather than a common system.

Yet it is a common system not a common examination of the council is proposing, it points out. "Under the present system, schools can only postpone their curriculum decisions until they have taken the time to study the curriculum in a common system, rather than a common system."

As regards the curriculum, the department believes that the curriculum should be a common system, rather than a common system. It is a common system, rather than a common system.

## Dear Prime Minister . . .

I am writing to you with a mixture of dismay and hope. I have read through the *School Education in England: Problems and Initiatives* which was sent to you in July by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, and which has been widely published in the last few days.

I am not very disturbed by the suggestion therein that there is need for a core curriculum. I think that this has been badly reported and that it is not what you think it is. I have no fears of discussion on this matter. What I do think is that the report is a bit of a mess. It starts off with a list of 100 recommendations, and then goes on to say that it is a list of 100 recommendations.



Text of Sir Alex Smith's letter

I knew almost nothing about it. I am not a school teacher or headmaster or administrator of schools, and I have had virtually no involvement in schools. I was most reluctant to take on the assignment, particularly since I have more than enough work to do in my job at Manchester. However, I was persuaded to try, my understanding being that the DES wanted a good Schools Council—I certainly had no reason to expect that the DES would undermine the council by expressing adverse criticism in the way it has to you. I accepted that I did not like it, if it did not like me, or if it was an impossible body to run, I could resign and get on with my work in Manchester.

My reluctance soon gave way to a profound enthusiasm. I find the council a remarkable body. For all its inadequacies and shortcomings, it is a body which is working. It is a body which is working. It is a body which is working.

control the partnership that exists between teachers and the representatives of local education authorities, higher education and industry and commerce would be preserved.

"This is an important statement of intent," says the DES, "but insufficient information is available to establish whether it is correct in a factual sense. The partnership will patently be affected at least to the extent that the proposals seem to rule out the continued existence of boards which are not now teacher-controlled in the sense described."

"It is not yet established what form non-teaching representation on future examining boards might take, nor whether whether these interests would be effectively represented. Clearly teachers must continue to have a major voice in examinations policy but equally, public confidence in the new examining body must be assured, and interests in society must be adequately involved."

The appendix points out that the Schools Council working party on administration made no recommendations to the Secretary of State on what form the administrative structure for a common system of examining would take.

Justice is asked first for a commitment to the principle from the Minister, suggesting that the details could be worked out later.

"The Secretary of State could not commit the educational service to a fundamental reshaping of the examination system at 16 plus (with changes expected later at 18 plus) without agreement having been reached on how such a system would be administered," comments the department.

It goes on to point out that the views of the CSE and the GCE boards appear to be very far apart on this issue. Yet the council fails to give any clear indication of whether choices would still be available between boards similar to the present CSE and GCE bodies, or simply between a series of CSE-type regional boards.

The council proposals also leave open the questions of whether regional boards could be coordinated by the Schools Council direct or through a system of provincial boards under the Department.

The council is criticized for its inadequate costing of its proposed reforms: "In the case of future running costs of the examination boards, estimates were made by a working party but it was concluded that these estimates were fundamentally insecure because of the complexities involved, the number of assumptions and reservations that had to be made and the shortage of time available for research. Moreover the estimates took no account of the cost of teachers' time in relation to examinations which are conducted under Mode III."

The Schools Council has no firm indication of the additional educational expenditure that might be involved, although she would not doubt be required to finance the greater part of the cost of a change-over to a new system. The Schools Council has no firm indication of the additional educational expenditure that might be involved, although she would not doubt be required to finance the greater part of the cost of a change-over to a new system.

## Minister opts for local talks

The first positive response to the Prime Minister's call for a national debate on what should be happening in schools was made by the Education Secretary when she opened a new further education college at Waltham-on-Avon, Yorkshire, last week.

She said it was her intention to embark on a series of consultations with teachers, representatives of both sides of industry and of further and higher education in the next four months to discuss curriculum and the question of basic skills.

"We shall put forward the Department's proposals early next year but these proposals will be in turn discussed, not just in London but in a series of regional meetings to enable us to consult as widely as possible," she said.

She denied that the DES was seeking national control of the curriculum. "But it was an area in which many people beside teachers had a stake: 'parents, teachers, employers, trade unions, Parliament, and of course the Government itself,'" she said. There was a need to democratize the freedom of the teacher in the classroom, she emphasized.

Mrs. Williams said that too much store had been put on examinations in the past but it was important to avoid moving too far in the other direction. Lack of rigour removed the incentives for young people and destroyed the value of exam results for employers, colleges and universities. Quoting the Prime Minister, she said: "We must not have got the system, or the proposals for changing it, quite right."

Mr. Alf Wilshire, president of the National Union of Teachers, said the union would be happy to join in any consultations on curriculum. "But we believe that, within the individual school, teachers should control the curriculum," he said.

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## France

### Colleges go back in mood of discontent

from Mark Webster

PARIS Some 825,000 students are now beginning the new academic year with the bitter conflict of last spring still fresh in their minds and the issues still largely unresolved.

The students' major quarrel is with the reform of the second cycle (the third and fourth years of university), which Mme Alice Saunier-Seïte, Secretary of State for Universities, wants to make more job-oriented.

Technically, although the students dislike the move, many are staying on at universities for longer courses this year because they are unable to find work in a diminishing labour market.

They are mostly responsible for the small increase in total university student population of 2 per cent—825,000 against 811,000 in 1975-76. The increase in first-year students is even less than 2 per cent. Most of the extra will be absorbed by Paris, which is taking 4,000 more than last year. Over the entire country there will be 168,145 first-years against 165,145 in 1975-76.

The intake for science subjects has levelled out while the arts has attracted more than last year—contrary to the trend in the secondary schools. The literary universities of Paris will welcome 124,850 against 111,881 last year.

It is too early yet to see if the strikes which disrupted almost every French university last academic year will have any positive results. The changes in the second cycle are still going through, although more slowly than originally intended.

This year there are 182 degree courses with a professional orientation which should, according to the Secretary of State, mean an increase of around 10,000 places for the second cycle.

Several university councils have hesitated about presenting plans for reforming these course structures to the Government. The Government, however, has insisted that students as well as the university management, were given the respon-

sibility for producing plans for the changeover.

Sixty-six proposals have been submitted for the start of this term, of which 42 have been accepted. Ten of them are no more than the lengthening of courses already in existence, and in fact few of the courses correspond to the norms set by January's controversial ministerial decree.

Much hinges on whether the Government bothers to check on the new courses when they are operating. Although 24 proposals have been turned down as yet there has been no suggestion that courses should be monitored once they have been accepted.

The University Institutes of Technology (IUTs) and some of the Paris universities have been further allocated which are used largely to pay part-time lecturers. Mme Saunier-Seïte has, however, indicated that more money may be made available to the IUTs for taking on teachers with outside commercial experience.



Last spring's "bitter" conflict

## Sweden

### Call to clear up child labour

from Mike Duckenfield

STOCKHOLM Almost one in three over-13s working during this summer's three-month school holiday—many of them gaining practical experience connected with studies—earned less than the minimum wage recommended by national trade unions and employer organizations.

A survey of 10,000 of its 36,000 members in the final three years of comprehensive school and upper secondary school by the National Pupils' Union (*Lärarförbundet*) showed that 30 per cent of the 72 per cent who had worked, earned less than the 75 Skr a day or 1,500 Skr a month (£211) minimum, while 4 per cent earned less than 25 Skr a day.

The 40-year-old union is now re-organizing the aid of the Confederation of Trade Unions and the Swedish Employers' Association in drawing up a blacklist of employers with a view to a future boycott on employment. It also wants clear guidelines on youth employment.

Of those working this summer, just over half (51 per cent) were

employed in purely holiday work, 23 per cent were seeking to gain practical experience related to studies and most of the rest were acting as holiday replacements for full-time employees.

Despite the practical work experience scheme (PRYO), which has been in operation in comprehensive schools since the late-1960s, as many as 78 per cent of employed pupils thought school preparation for working life was inadequate.

At present, 15-year-olds get three work study visits and 16-year-olds spend two weeks of term-time in full employment. However, the union wants to see this extended both to the last three years of the comprehensive and the upper secondary school for 16-19-year-olds with a guarantee of work for all pupils in the age group.

Both the giant Confederation of Trade Unions and Swedish Workers' Association, which together represent most of the nation's blue and white collar workers, are supporting the pupils' campaign and a joint discussion book on employment is to be published.

## Greece

### Three more school years

ATHENS As from the beginning of this school year the simpler, democratic language is being officially adopted in all levels of general education. The Ministry of Education will be taught in "democratic" terms in the state schools of the secondary cycle.

Another change in the setting of the number of compulsory years of schooling is being introduced. A 10-year compulsory schooling will be introduced in 1978-79, and a 12-year compulsory schooling will be introduced in 1979-80. The new compulsory schooling will be introduced in 1980-81.

## South Africa

### Vocational emphasis

The Federal Theological Seminary for the training of ministers and priests, which was left homeless when its former premises were taken over by the Government early in 1975, is planning to re-establish itself on a new site. If the project is finally approved by the churches, the new seminary will be built at Breda, near Pietermaritzburg. The seminary had to vacate its premises at Breda, after the Government had appropriated the land.

## Italy

### Fresh chaos as new year starts

from Dalbert Hall

Bureaucratic chaos dominates the opening of the school year. After four summer holidays, most schools have not begun their full year's work. At the end of the summer holidays, most schools have not begun their full year's work. At the end of the summer holidays, most schools have not begun their full year's work.

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## United States

### 11-year-round opening proposed to cut costs

from Michael Binyon

WASHINGTON

Should take a serious look at the system requires extra maintenance and transport. It also sees the pattern as much more suitable for children of migrants and military personnel, giving them a normal continuous education despite their mobile lifestyle.

One claim for these schools is that they will reduce the need for busing. The upheaval needed to introduce the new timetable offers a chance, the study says, to make educational changes, reassign teachers and account for parental and pupil preference under the flag of innovation rather than legal mandate.

It has been found that the option of a year-round school tends to integrate a school within a district. One reason could be the magnetic appeal of innovation. A predominantly black California high school, for example, began a year-round school which involved a good deal of revision of the curriculum. Whites in increasing numbers are now voluntarily going to this school because the programme is attractive.

Several case studies of individual school districts which have tried the experiment have, however, produced mixed evidence. In Chula Vista, California, it was found that eighth-graders in this school had a higher reading ability after one year than in a traditional school—though no difference was measured for nine-year-olds.

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### Reading levels 'beginning to improve'

WASHINGTON

For the first time for some years America has good news about standards of reading in its schools. A nationwide government survey has found that reading ability has not deteriorated in the past few years, and the skills of nine-year-olds have improved considerably.

A report by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) found that black nine-year-olds have shown a "dramatic" improvement over the past four years, although they were still 13 per cent behind white children. The reading performance of 13 and 17-year-olds has not changed much, although more 17-year-olds are now better at reading everyday items such as telephone bills and instructions on timed food.

The results are based on comparisons between two identical tests administered across the country in 1971 and 1975 to 63,000 pupils. In the broadly encouraging picture, however, there are some disturbing details. Among older pupils it was found that when items became more difficult, either as a result of lengthy passages or because passages needed manipulation of information, the 17-year-olds scored less well than four years ago. Both they and the 13-year-olds also showed a decline in the ability to draw inferences from what they read.

To many the findings may seem puzzling, coming as they do hard on the heels of the much-publicized drop for the nineteenth year running of verbal ability scores in the Scholastic Achievement Test. These tests, taken by a million school leavers hoping to go to college, are widely regarded as an indication of general educational standards in American schools.

NAEP said, however, that the two sets of results were not contradictory, as they were measuring different things for different purposes.

Several case studies of individual school districts which have tried the experiment have, however, produced mixed evidence. In Chula Vista, California, it was found that eighth-graders in this school had a higher reading ability after one year than in a traditional school—though no difference was measured for nine-year-olds.

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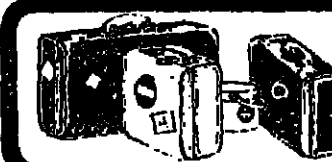
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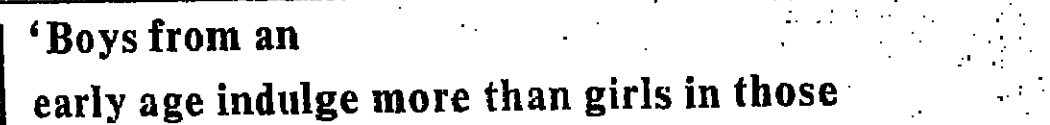
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## Review letter

## Nicholas Tucker on Leon Garfield

R. W. Noble

**KNOCK UP** [Bill pass] (slang) make a woman pregnant □ "Why ever did she let him knock her up? You'd have thought she'd never heard of the Pill! Now suppose she'll have to have a abortion."

The lexicographers are precise and helpful in their terse definitions, their parenthetical indication of stylistic value, and their bracketed grammatical code showing that the verb can be used in the active or passive voice and can be separated from its particle by the object. In their illustration of usage, however, this slangy idiom looks like a savage who has been kidnapped into the Brave New World where ending better than minding.

Nowadays the practitioners of science and technology are undoubtedly the most prolific collectors of verb-phrase idioms, the meaning of which we occasionally need to know in order to understand a less accessible personal and public discussion. This dictionary clarifies many such new technological idioms such as "print out" (computer technology) and "lift off" (space technology), but some "smile" idioms survive, as in "spectroscopy" (technology) and "psychic out" (psychology of game/management) are not included. Nevertheless, A. Cowie and R. Mackin have compiled a thoughtful, well-organized and eminently usable dictionary of verb-phrase idioms. Every student seriously interested in English will find it a valuable reference book.

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**Heather Neill**

On the more general point, I was asked to note my opinion on the material, not the circulation. I could not be sure to know that the material was in circulation in private circles in 1970 and my opinions would be altered even if I did know that. Finally, even if I was not proven one of the recorded material, I could make any assumptions I wished. The fact that the copies have been sold means that the fact that the teachers/administrators were told, which is as one would expect. Finally, since a new edition is printed at the moment, I would recommend a change of name.

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## Gillian Thomas on the Bible for children

A typical example is his treatment of the story of the Creation (which incidentally, immediately captured the interest of my own children who are eight, five and three). Preceded, like each passage, by a "hook," the story is told in a

by a simple introduction, "and we made it all very good," it begins (God said: Let there be dry land and he called it. The Earth.) Let there be water, found the land and he called it. The Seas.) The text is attractively printed with simple and appealing illustrations, many of which are in colour. A further bonus is that to help children to read aloud from it, the passages are printed with large spaces between the lines whenever there is a natural break in the text. And there are detailed notes for teachers.

And then, for those who want to relate them to their sources, an index shows exactly where each story can be found in the Bible, while another lists the whole range of subjects which have been included.

Working from the Tople book on electricity she took the unique Graigle baseboard, 3 batteries, 1 electric motor, a switch, four wheels and a rubber band. Ten minutes later, with the connections made between the batteries and the motor, her Model E was ready for its test run.

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# A personal polyperspective

By Geoffrey Holroyde, director, Lanchester Polytechnic

It is just over a year since I was appointed director of the Lanchester Polytechnic. This is long enough to have learnt what goes on inside it—good, bad and indifferent—yet short enough to appraise it with the objectivity of an outsider.

I am a 48-year-old physics graduate and before coming here I served 10 years in the Royal Navy, spent two years teaching A level physics, then 10 years in industry and four years as head of Sidney Stringer School and Community College in the urban heart of Coventry.

The Lanchester was designated a polytechnic in 1970, and was created from Coventry's Lanchester College of Technology, the Coventry College of Art and the Rugby College of Engineering Technology.

More than 5,000 full-time, sandwich and part-time students study in four faculties—engineering, applied science, social science and art and design. The polytechnic has earned a high academic reputation. It offers 32 degree courses validated by the Council for National Academic Awards and mounts a myriad of sub-degree and short courses, many of them designed to match the requirements of the locality.

The polytechnic exists for its students, so let us talk about them first. As you would expect, many of them are straight from school, or college, or university. But many have arrived in higher education because that is the progression for academically gifted youngsters. Some of them are disappointed UCCA applicants whose A levels did not come up to expectations. Some are in the polytechnic because a training officer or a parent knew what the polytechnics were about and recommended a particular course because it was what the student needed.

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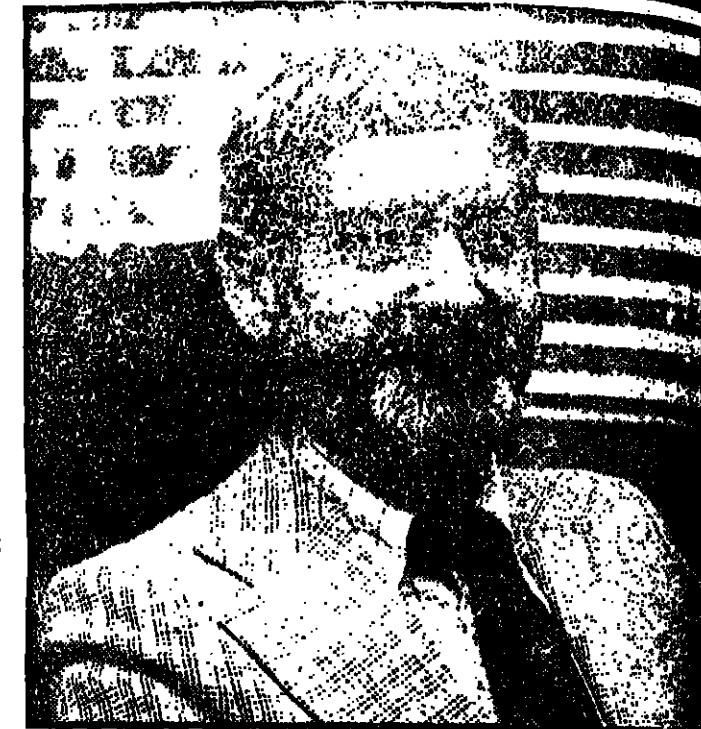
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Geoffrey Holroyde



These first-year students at the Lanchester Polytechnic are on a geography department field course to study the techniques of geographic investigation.

higher education, mainly straight from school.

I expect us to see a wider spectrum of courses at degree and sub-degree level, with easier transferability from one to the other. This would imply more opportunity to vary the pattern—thick sandwich, thin sandwich, part-time, a year or six months at a time, earning credits as you go. There may be consortia arrangements between FE and polytechnics in a locality to make the entry of mature students easier.

There need to be still more courses dealing with real problems, fewer courses based on traditional academic disciplines with their arbitrary boundaries.

Higher education is by definition expensive, so surely we shall have to make more use of our capital resources. Plant and buildings must not lie idle from June to September and some kind of four-term year seems to me to be inevitable if the extra students are going to fit existing laboratories, studios and bedrooms.

I hope to see the Lanchester becoming more geared to the community, sharing its premises with those who live and work in its neighbourhood, and taking a fuller part in community life. The growth in part-time and mature students and the squeeze on residence may mean more home-based students which might have implications for closer integration.

In our curriculum design perhaps we should be more responsive to the needs of industry, commerce and society, working yet more closely with the practitioners. I would like to see much more movement of staff in and out of academia with more influence exerted from outside.

Teachers are the experts to teach and assess, but they have a monopoly of ideas on how to teach.

We have yet to work out how to make more responsive maintaining high standards, update and retain staff in a world of reduced mobility and of resources; how to improve productivity without lowering standards and pastoral care.

If higher education is to enjoy a large proportion of the gross national product it has grown accustomed to, it must demonstrate that it is its part in the economy of the country—by the nature of its work, its involvement in its neighbourhood, the full use of its resources, and by its products.

Perhaps the time has come when some of the assumptions of the last 100 years—contracted communities in one educational establishment provides the transition from summer vacation to academic superiority, the value of research for its own sake. Could DES and the L.A. decentralise the controls? A polytechnic would be easier to manage if it had a clear objective, criteria for success and a budget were established by the institution then allowed to run its own affairs, while maintaining its valuable links with the local community.

Higher education is here to stay and is an essential element in a society. It has a choice—either to make a contribution to the nation or to retreat into a hostile isolation and unreality and selfishness for its own sake. The polytechnics have decided which way they are going.

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## Safeguarding academic standards

By Maurice Foss



The scene on the steps of Coventry Cathedral during the awards ceremony at Lanchester Polytechnic.

It is a common sight to see many well intentioned and responsible members of society who view the changing scene of education with disquiet.

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In higher education, radical changes are taking place in the colleges of education as a result of the contraction in teacher training places following the decline in the birth rate. Although some colleges will retain their identity, many are being merged together or with further education colleges to form new institutes of higher education, and 39 are merging with polytechnics into institutions since the beginning of the decade.

Certainly there is no lack of change. It is, however, well to remember that an organism which ceases to evolve and adapt to its surroundings is destined to wither and die. And so the education must adapt and respond to the changing needs of young people and society.

Indeed, education has been described as the instrument fashioned by society to mould the next generation, and as a preparation for life.

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posed by the polytechnics in the context of the institution as a whole; the qualifications and experience of the staff; the course admission requirements, curriculum, syllabuses and examination arrangements; the facilities for conducting the course. Under the terms of its charter, the council is charged with ensuring its degrees are comparable with university degrees.

The rigorous examination of a course proposal is conducted by one of the council's numerous subject boards, members of which are drawn from universities, polytechnics and other institutions of higher education and from industry and the professions. When the course scheme has been considered, it is usual for members of the board to visit the polytechnic to assess facilities, but particularly to discuss the educational soundness and implementation of the course in some detail with staff.

In 1974-75 some 51 per cent of courses were found worthy of approval, usually for a period of five or six years, following which they are subject to a customary review to ensure standards are maintained.

Once approval or renewal of approval of a course has been given, the polytechnic has the same freedom as a university to admit, teach and examine students, subject to the appointment, with the agreement of the council, of one or more external examiners.

CNA also conducts a review every five years of the fitness of each polytechnic to operate courses leading to the council's degrees. In the course of this review, the council party investigates the arrangements made by the academic board for planning, running and monitoring courses; the opportunities for staff development and research; the library and learning resources, including computer capability; and no less important the communal, welfare and counselling service for students.

All told, the stringent procedures of the council can be a daunting experience for the ill-prepared, but are designed to ensure that good standards, which there can be no doubt in this world are implemented effectively in the interest of students. Despite such rigour, there is a large measure of agreement that the dialogue between the council's subject board and the staff who have devised the proposal is of immense value. Many university members of subject boards think it would be salutary if university courses were subject to similar scrutiny.

The role of the polytechnics in their partnership with CNA is illustrated by Lanchester Polytechnic which was fortunate in having as its first director, Sir Alan Rich-

moud, the educational architect of the Lanchester College which opened in 1960. Sir Alan was widely known as setting himself and his colleagues the highest standards in educational management and academic affairs so that when the polytechnic was designated in 1970, it was already offering some 25 CNA degree courses.

Members of the academic board and its committees were already well experienced in accepting collective responsibility for the formulation of corporate policies and for the planning and operation of courses. The system of planning, internal validation and monitoring of courses introduced at Lanchester in the late 1960s and now refined to the needs of a large institution with some 1,500 full-time and sandwich course students and 1,700 part-time students, is reasonably typical of polytechnics. This system, together with the quality of staff, is vital to the role of the polytechnic in maintaining academic standards.

The main task of preparing a detailed proposal for a new course in accordance with the requirements of CNA falls on a course planning committee appointed by the relevant faculty board(s). The planning of a course involves progressive refinement in matching curriculum design, syllabuses and assessment arrangements to carefully defined aims and objectives. This process will take a year at the very least, and is initiated only after the academic board, through its steering committee, has agreed to the need for the course in the context of the polytechnic's development.

The detailed proposal, including resource implications is considered by the relevant faculty board(s) which includes some cross-faculty representation. Following board approval, the proposal is submitted to the steering committee which, among other things, acts as a course approvals committee in reviewing the course scheme in terms of broad educational issues and resources implications. This committee does not claim to have the expertise to make a judgement on syllabuses and the finer details of the course.

Accordingly the full documented course proposal is examined by a course validation working party which includes at least two members from outside the polytechnic, with appropriate academic standing. Although this working party is not a replica of a CNA subject board, it can subject a course to an invaluable examination.

Once a course is approved by CNA, a course committee comprising all staff teaching on the course and three or more student members is collectively responsible for the operation of the course, executed under the leadership of the head of department as chairman and the

## Links with the community

By J. C. Holliday

Most polytechnics are in cities for it was and still is the intense activity of the city which provides the stimulus for their development. The traditions of these education and training of direct relevance to the local community, traditions also deeply rooted in the past by many universities. Today the universities are increasingly and politically independent of the city and the links are inevitably weakened.

The polytechnics, on the other hand, are directly controlled by the local education authorities and this brings direct, staff and students into immediate contact with officers and politicians of the city.

The influence on polytechnic activity is easy to see, especially when the staff of both town hall and polytechnic are concerned. When the polytechnic is short of staff, meetings are frequent, and when there are common external problems it is easy to discuss them with city politicians and officers.

Many courses are developed in the area within their general discipline and then taken to a university or polytechnic which offers a more advanced course. Sheffield City Polytechnic, for instance, has a number of courses which are developed in the area within their general discipline and then taken to a university or polytechnic which offers a more advanced course.

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The 1975 Lanchester Polytechnic awards ceremony in Coventry Cathedral.

senior course tutor (course leader). The committee is required to submit an annual report on the course to the faculty board which reviews all courses within its jurisdiction and submits a report to the academic board drawing attention to any particular difficulties.

The faculty board also receives the confidential minutes of the course examination committee to which the external examiners belong. The system provides for continuous monitoring of a course so that when renewal comes up after five years, the course may be appropriately revised.

Professor Jevons in his admirable

book *The Teaching of Science: Education, Science and Society* reminds us that the academic standard of a degree is not fixed by an absolute criterion, but is the content of the degree course, or the specialist expertise required by the graduate in employment. It is a mistake therefore to take as absolute what is really relative, although the prime considerations in assessing standards are the abilities, skills and attitudes developed by the graduate as a result of three years—or in the case of a sandwich course, four years—of hard mind-stretching work.

standards and effectiveness of polytechnic courses against the acceptance of students for employment, the recent reports of the Central Services Unit for Careers and Appointments Services show that there is no significant difference between first destination and employment of graduates from universities and polytechnics. In this sense, the polytechnics can truly claim to be upholding the high academic standards of which universities are justifiably proud.

Dr Maurice Foss is acting deputy director and dean of the faculty of applied science Lanchester Polytechnic.

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# The state of the union

By Tim Albert

An extremely rapid growth over the past few years lies at the root of the majority of the problems of Lancashire students' union, according to this year's president, Mr Phil Dunn. A former social studies student, he says: "From a small unprofessional organization we have grown into a very large one with a wide range of activities. For the students this means an increase in the bureaucracy of the place. There has always been some delineation between the executive officers and the ordinary members, but it's much more difficult to combat that now."

When Phil arrived at the Coventry site four years ago, the students' union premises consisted of one bar, one office (into which the whole of the executive had to squeeze) and one television room. Now they have four floors of a building which used to contain a dining area—and which now has three bars (one with murals from *Lord of the Rings*), a

large hall, a union shop (selling anything from insurance to Biro) print room, a whole suite of well appointed offices, and a deep carpeted committee room (formerly the director's dining room). There are also premises on the Rugby site including hall, offices and shop.

Four years ago there were just two full-time union employees. Now, with a turnover of £250,000 a year, there is a staff of 20, including a finance officer, an administrative and a finance assistant, secretaries and typists, two shopkeepers, a storekeeper, and a bar staff of six.

Four years ago there was just one full-time sabbatical union post, that of president. Now, apart from Phil Dunn, there is a full-time deputy president, responsible for welfare problems; a secretary, responsible for administration; and an external affairs officer.

"In any large organization there

are difficulties in effecting mass communications", says Phil Dunn. Accordingly he hopes to enlarge the role of the relatively new position of union communications officer, and would like to see a more active role for Phoenix, the student newspaper. He also hopes to bring in a number of political plays from outside on subjects like racism and Northern Ireland. And he wants to draw up a staffing development programme and management manual outlining the management structure—and the limits of responsibility.

He also says that the problems of the union are exacerbated by the fact that the polytechnic is mainly based in the centre of Coventry. "Something like 13 per cent of students are home-based", he says. "They obviously have their own lives and their own relationships already established. Otherwise people here tend to relate to their

departments anyway, and it tends to be nine-to-fiveish. This is all obviously a disadvantage from the students' union point of view."

Another problem comes from the fact that 600 students, mainly engineers, are on another site some miles away at Rugby—and likely to be so for another two years. This brings a communication problem of its own, and the union are thinking of hiring regular coaches to try to bridge the physical gap. It also brings a constitutional problem in that to get the union general meeting to come to any decision, meetings must be held on both sites, the votes for and against counted at both, and the final results totted up and compared. It takes time and effort.

"In development terms the polytechnic is going to experience extreme difficulties", says Phil Dunn, "basically as a result of the public spending cuts. Originally it

was to be a polytechnic for the students by 1981, instead we're going to have 4,850. We've got a new students' union, a new sports hall, a new hall of residence and new teaching resources. But this won't be enough. And other students—and people—suitable living accommodation, and to get a nursery."

"I think I'm being realistic, saying that things are going to be very difficult over the next few years because of the expenditure cuts. Very few development plans have been knocked on the head. One of the major criticisms of the polytechnic is that it is not formulating educational arguments. This is a national institution which will educate people but at the same time it is concerned with constraints—and educational aids are bound to suffer."

## Vehicles for propaganda or a living art form?

Peter Green

The filmstrips demonstrate this division and part one is strong on fine art, illustrated with well-known examples. We are taken through the development of lithography as an art process and encounter artists and major art movements—Lautrec, Braque, Dadaism, Surrealism, and German Expressionism.

The balance is initially worrying, too much fine art and no sense of the popular power of the poster. Gradually, with glimpses of beautiful Currier Ives prints and the Beggars' Staff posters, the scope broadens. The second strip is generally international in flavour, avoiding a narrow American approach and presenting a wider view of poster history—though early on one might be led to believe that lithography started in America. The second strip begins with late eighteenth-century American posters, superb examples showing the tradition: unselfconscious communication at its best. The anonymous popular posters have a freshness and impact which the fine art examples rarely achieve.

The social, commercial and political functions are shown, and the roadside billboard discussed. As road surfaces improved and the engine more powerful, roadside posters had to be read much more quickly. Such influences on poster design are well conveyed as are developments like the growth of corporate advertising, the poster as a vehicle for propaganda, and the current vogue for posters as decorative prints.

A discordant note is struck by the commentary cassettes. The visual material is intelligently put together and appears suitable for fifth or sixth forms who, however, would be unlikely to like the style of the commentary. The music tries to turn the filmstrips into grand dramatic film performances and the pace and style of narrative is variable in quality, often obtrusive, and contributes very little to the package as a whole.



Posters by James Freyde and William Nicholson for "Hamlet" and by Ben Shahn for the Continuum Corporation of America.

## Not quite the same scene

Scottish higher education presents a picture complicated even by English standards. Iain Thorburn unravels it.

The term polytechnic has no real public currency in Scotland outside Glasgow—and there it means a big shop. In some colleges staff and students use the term freely in its English sense: Glasgow College of Technology, for example, considers itself a polytechnic type of institution. But the only polytechnic listed in the Glasgow phone book is Lewis's Royal, the big shop that does general polytechnic for generations of Glaswegians.

At a more formal, official level, Glasgow College of Technology was refused permission to use the word polytechnic in its title. Basically, this was because, though the college might seem to an English visitor very like a polytechnic, the Scottish system is different, and so its terminology must be different too. Lewis's Royal is the only polytechnic in Scotland, officially and unofficially. And it does not sell degree courses.

Glasgow is quite a good place to look at Scottish higher education, complicated even by English standards. The visitor arriving at Queen Street station and looking for Strathclyde University, which is nearby, is just about as likely to find the Central College of Commerce, Glasgow College of Building and Printing, Glasgow College of Technology, or Glasgow College of Food Technology. They are all near, even adjacent to each other and they look alike.

All of these institutions, except Strathclyde University, are run by Strathclyde Regional Council. The confused visitor, if he were looking for one of the local authority colleges, might find himself directed to Strathclyde University, which was the Royal College of Science and Technology, or the Technical College of Engineering, or the College of Design, or the College of Art, or the College of Education, or the College of Health Sciences, or the College of Social Sciences, or the College of Business Studies, or the College of Health Sciences, or the College of Social Sciences, or the College of Business Studies.

So there, in a small area of the centre of Glasgow, we have a clutch of local authority colleges operating at different levels with different areas of specialism; and a university that used to be a central institution, that is, part of the public sector of tertiary education. If the visitor is bemused, how does the

formal differences which have to be remembered. The most important is that in Scotland the universities traditionally and still play a much larger part in higher education, and take in proportionately more students, than do the universities in England. The place of the public sector tertiary colleges is correspondingly reduced when the two countries are compared.

The other differences arise from an apparently contradictory proposition: that Scottish higher education should be more like the English one, but that it should be more like the English one.

At the turn of the century a national system of FE was instituted through the setting up of central institutions—colleges run by boards of governors and responsible directly to the SED. These now include a variety of apparently monotechnic colleges—colleges of art, textiles, agriculture—but also three of the half-dozen or so colleges that think themselves like polytechnics. These are Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology, Aberdeen, which has absorbed the local art college, Dundee College of Technology, and Paisley College of Technology.

The central institutions in Glasgow and Edinburgh became Heriot Watt and Strathclyde universities. And it was that development which enabled, with or perhaps made possible, the growth of the local authority FE colleges. The English pattern, which has in a few years produced Napier College of Science and Commerce (in Edinburgh) and Glasgow College of Technology. Ten years ago these were local techs, now they are like the big-time central institutions, colleges which offer a variety of courses up to and beyond degree level.

Some of the central institutions, the agricultural colleges for example, have long-standing and close links with the universities; some formed new links to provide degree courses in architecture; some worked through CNA. The Scottish equivalents of BEC and TEC were set up.

Briefly, some courses became degree courses, some remained diploma courses—and the difference would be hard to explain to a stranger. Some colleges which are central institutions went into the big-time degree work, some did not; local authority colleges, ditto.

No government, surely, would have invented such a system. The range and variety of courses is about as complete as it could be, but there is no simple rule-of-thumb to the colleges of the SED. The whole thing simplified—the colleges of further education, the central institutions, colleges of education and all the rest brought, with the universities—under one tertiary education umbrella, responsible to the Scottish Assembly.

But, assembly aside, the issues here are not much different from those in the rest of the United Kingdom—how to fit science and technology places, in whatever institution at whatever level; how to open up the post-school system so that it attracts the working class and, of course, money.

The public sector of tertiary education in Scotland, as in England, was supposed, according to the 1972

Tory White Paper, to expand its role more rapidly than the university sector. But now the SED on the colleges of education at the start of the new year is too early to say how it will affect recruitment to other parts in the public sector, or the universities.

The SED and the Scottish central institutions publish booklets setting out the available in non-university tertiary and higher education in Scotland. The SED booklet has more than 100 pages, the central institutions booklet more than 80.

There can be few people in Scotland, few careers teachers, who have mastered this field in its complexity. And for all the tractions of variety—and confusion—of centralization and planning—the complexity of the system is surely a disconcerting prospect for students. They may have a rough idea of what a university is, and most qualified teachers have an idea of what a college is. But a polytechnic is a new concept, a new school, and CNA degrees, which might be equivalent to university degrees, are a new concept. And a polytechnic is not, as so many people think, a new type of university. The public sector of tertiary education in Scotland, as in England, was supposed, according to the 1972

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## WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SALISBURY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY PRINCIPAL

(Group V-Salary £9,920)

On the retirement of the present holder, this post falls vacant from May 1, 1977. Applications are invited from graduates (or holders of equivalent qualifications) who have had varied and interesting experience of further education or educational administration.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Chief Education Officer, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 6JS, to whom applications should be returned by November 9, 1976.

## EASTBOURNE COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION Principal

The Authority wish to appoint as soon as possible a Principal for this Group 4 college in succession to Mr. F. H. Murray, who retired recently.

Further Information is available from the Chief Education Officer, P.O. Box 4, County Hall, Lewes, East Sussex, and completed applications should reach him by 8th November, 1976.

East Sussex

**RIVERSDALE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
Riversdale Road, Liverpool, L19 3QR  
Tel: 051-427 1227

## DEPUTY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING

Principal Lecturer—£5,940-£8,842 plus £212 p.a.

Applications are invited for the above post required for 1st January or as soon as possible thereafter. Candidates should be professionally qualified and have had substantial experience in industry and/or further education.

Further particulars and forms obtainable from and returnable to the Principal. Closing date 10th November.

Liverpool

## WEST BROMWICH COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING GRADE VI

Applications are invited for the above post in this large College with a long tradition of accounting education. It is expected by the retirement of the present holder.

The Accounting Department is part of the Management Services Division. Its main work lies in preparing students for examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Association of Certified Accountants and the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants. This work is done through full time, block release and part time courses, and in addition the department provides the accounting teaching required by the Management and other departments in the college, range of courses and levels of work.

Salary: Head of Department £8,032 to £8,812 per annum plus £212 per annum salary supplement.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Principal at the above address and should be returned to him by Wednesday, 1 December, 1976.

## COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION continued

### HILLINGDON

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT COLLEGE  
Hillingdon, London Borough of Hillingdon  
Applications are invited for appointment as a Lecturer in the Department of Further Education, to take effect from January 1, 1977.

Applicants should possess appropriate qualifications, have had relevant experience and preferably have had teaching experience in the field of further education.

Teaching duties will mainly be in the field of electrical installations. Salary: £5,940 to £8,842 plus £212 per annum plus £132 supplement.

70 per cent removal expenses in accordance with the award.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Principal, Hillingdon College, Hillingdon, London Borough of Hillingdon, to whom applications should be returned by November 9, 1976.

Applicants should possess appropriate qualifications, have had relevant experience and preferably have had teaching experience in the field of further education.

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## SOUTH TYNESIDE COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in the Department of Further Education, to take effect from January 1, 1977.

Applicants should possess appropriate qualifications, have had relevant experience and preferably have had teaching experience in the field of further education.

Salary: £5,940 to £8,842 plus £212 per annum plus £132 supplement.

70 per cent removal expenses in accordance with the award.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Principal, South Tyneside College, South Tyneside, to whom applications should be returned by November 9, 1976.

Applicants should possess appropriate qualifications, have had relevant experience and preferably have had teaching experience in the field of further education.

Salary: £5,940 to £8,842 plus £212 per annum plus £132 supplement.

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## TAMESIDE COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in the Department of Further Education, to take effect from January 1, 1977.

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## Other Appointments

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## County of Cleveland CLEVELAND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, REDCAR

### Lecturer 1 English

The successful candidate will join a team of lecturers specializing in teaching English to Commerce Students up to O.N.D. level. There is also the opportunity for some work at 'O' level English Language and 'O' level English Literature. A willingness to join in teaching the Liberal Studies Programme would be an advantage.

Applicants should possess appropriate qualification together with Technical Teacher Training.

Further particulars and application forms are available by applying in writing only to the Principal, Cleveland Technical College, Corporation Road, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 1EZ, to whom completed forms should be returned within 14 days of the appearance of this advertisement.

## South London College

formerly Norwood Technical College  
Main Building: Knights Hill SK27 OTX  
Tower Bridge Branch: Tooley Street SK1 2JR

## Department of Business and Liberal Studies

Applications are invited for the following two posts at the College's Knights Hill premises to take effect from January 1, 1977, or as soon thereafter as possible.

□ Lecturer 1: in Liberal Studies and Communications with the ability to offer 'O' level English.

□ Lecturer 2: in Communications and 'O' level English with the ability to offer 'O' level French.

Salary Scale in accordance with the Barnham FE Report: On an incremental scale within the range £2,469-£4,777. Plus £312 supplement and £402 Inner London allowance.

Applicants should be graduates and teacher trained appropriate to the areas of work stipulated and experience in industry, commerce or public service would be an added advantage.

Application forms, returnable within 14 days of the appearance of this advertisement, obtainable from the Clerk to the Governors at the main building. Enclose self-addressed envelope, not smaller than size B5.

## Fire Service Technical College Physical Education Tutor

To plan, motivate and organise the physical education and recreation activities for students (mainly junior and middle rank Fire Service Officers) and staff at the College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

The successful candidate will also supervise and manage the College's new sports complex (shortly to be completed) which includes a 25 metre swimming pool, squash and tennis courts, and a full size sports hall. Liaison with the North Cotswold Sports Association on community use of all the College's sports facilities will be involved.

Candidates (normally aged at least 30) must have successfully completed a 3-year training course with a PE specialisation, or have had comparable training in HM Forces or other establishments. They should preferably have the ability and experience required by a Senior PE Teacher at a large school or adult training establishment. Expertise in swimming or other sports advantageous.

Salary starts at £4,380 and rises to £4,720. Non-contributory pension scheme. Accommodation will be available.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 16 November 1976) write to Civil Service Commission: Alesham Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref G/9408.

Home Office

## UNIVERSITIES Appointments continued

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Salary: £5,9











## London Borough of Havering Social Services Department

### Senior Residential Officer

SAJC Grade 3 Salary: £2,785-£3,165 p.a. plus £150 p.a. if suitably qualified, plus £285 p.a. London Weighting Allowance if non-resident or £183 p.a. if resident. A Senior Houseparent for a small adolescent unit for 10 boys aged between 14 and 18 years. The unit is run on a group work basis both for staff and residents. The successful applicant will be expected to deputise for the Officer-in-Charge. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone intending eventually to run their own unit. Accommodation available. For informal discussion contact Clive Best, Residential and Day Care Officer, on Romford 68990, ext. 369. Application form and further details from the Director of Social Services, Mercury House, Romford RM1 3DU. Please quote ref SS 222.



## WIRRAL Metropolitan Borough Council

### EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST £3,900-£6,660+£312

Candidates should have an honours degree in Psychology, two years teaching experience and post-graduate training in Educational Psychology. The authority has a school and pre-school population of approx. 22,000. The Schools Psychological Service operates in three areas with excellent working facilities and the strong feature in the establishment of an equal number of Educational Psychologists and Educational Social Workers, who participate fully in a team work approach. Strong links exist with the Schools Remedial Service operating a screening procedure and a secondary remedial service.

Application forms and further details from the Director of Education, Municipal Offices, Cleveland Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 6NH, returnable by 12th November.

Candidates completing professional training in July 1977 should apply and other applicants without a post-graduate training qualification may be considered.

## NORTHERN IRELAND EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

### TOP GRADE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST BELFAST CITY HOSPITAL

Applications are invited for the post of Top Grade Clinical Psychologist at the Belfast City Hospital, Leburn Road, Belfast.

Salary Scale: £2,551 (plus supplement of £312) to £3,198.

The successful candidate will be employed within the terms of the appointment by the Queen's University of Belfast, lecturing and examining in Clinical Psychology in the Department of Mental Health.

Conveying disqualifications.

Applicants will normally be expected to have had at least four years' experience as a Principal Clinical Psychologist.

Application form and further particulars may be obtained from the Director, Northern Ireland Health Council for the Health and Social Services, The Bessies, 23 Hampton Park, Belfast BT7 3JN. Completed forms must be returned to arrive no later than December 1st.

## CITY OF MANCHESTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL AND GUIDANCE

### EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Salary Scale: £3,932-£6,972.

A vacancy exists for a basic grade Educational Psychologist in a service which has been recently re-organised.

The service is a large one, single multi-disciplinary, wide ranging with significant development's role in a major educational authority.

In addition to the usual duties and responsibilities and opportunities of an Educational Psychologist, there is a special opportunity for a multi-disciplinary professional development with a high level of job satisfaction.

For a full and complete job description and further details of the post, please apply to the Director of Education, City of Manchester, 100, Market Street, Manchester M2 1PL. Applications should be sent to the Director of Education, City of Manchester, 100, Market Street, Manchester M2 1PL. Applications should be sent to the Director of Education, City of Manchester, 100, Market Street, Manchester M2 1PL.

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## Examiners

### EAST ANGLIAN EXAMINATIONS BOARD

(for the Certificate of Secondary Education)

### APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS FOR 1978

Applications are invited for the following subjects:

1. ENGLISH (1978-1979)

2. MATHEMATICS (1978-1979)

3. SCIENCE (1978-1979)

4. HISTORY (1978-1979)

5. GEOGRAPHY (1978-1979)

6. PHYSICS (1978-1979)

7. CHEMISTRY (1978-1979)

8. MODERN LANGUAGES (1978-1979)

9. ARTS (1978-1979)

10. MUSIC (1978-1979)

11. PE (1978-1979)

12. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (1978-1979)

13. CITIZENSHIP (1978-1979)

14. PRACTICAL SCIENCE (1978-1979)

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### Robin Maconie on the Contemporary Music Network

It is not as though the London Sinfonietta, the Tuckwell Wind Quintet, the Nash Ensemble—all estimable bodies, but purveying at £1,000 a concert a philosophy of efficient musical industry and cultural anonymity—were bringing any-

Powellite rally) to the last bygone reverberation of Dvorak's Scherzo Capriccioso. For a programme selected for musical good humour the performances were sterily driven; Howard Shelley was a valiant soloist in the Rachmaninov but a dispirited air lay over the orchestra throughout. It was music intended not to stimulate, but to still its listeners.

## Heather Neill

**Other events:** An African Theatre Workshop, run by Oxfam and the Africa Centre at the latter's headquarters, King Street, WC2, 10, will run to 5 pm, November 13. Poo E220 (Margy Brearley, 01 836 1973) Stanhope Theatre Company (01 836 1973) will produce a new play, *London's End*, at the London School of Dramatic Art, 100, Strand, London, NW1, 01-387 6787) will present their first production in their new theatre, *Habemus Corpus* by Alan Bennett (November 4, 5, 6). The Birmingham Youth Theatre's new one-act play by Ray Spagneman and John Burt Foster, *My Mother and My Father*, will be performed at the Arts Centre, 10, Piccadilly, on the 11th and 12th November. Tickets 20p each.

### Cherida Mares on early reading

The programmes will be useful to teachers who change the age group they teach. However good the teacher training, teachers will, say, experience only a top infant may be uncertain how to approach a reception class. Here again the recording of a teacher working on pre-reading skills with a new reception class, and later discussing the reasons behind the procedure, is extremely helpful.

### Roy Blatchford on 'Juvenile Liaison'

First shots in the field see the middle-aged, father-figure policeman pulling the hair of a 13-year-old boy who has been holding his rifle. The boy is again and again poorly positioned roving microphone (a feature of the entire film) picks out a few remarks of repentance from the older soldier. When the officer moves over his approach is the time-honoured one—now fast fading—of the friendly boot moving among the community upbraided for interfering with the back of the hand.

## Radio and TV

### Further education

**For schools**

**The Land** (Monday 10.40, Wednesday 11.39, Friday 10.30 ITV)  
Exam-oriented geography series starts a new group of programmes on mountains. Filmed around Aviemore, the Cairngorms are explored to illustrate glaciated troughs, corries and cirques.

The critical role of steam in the industrial revolution is the motive power for programmes this half term.

English (Tuesday 14.30, Thursday 14.14, BBC 1)

Inspector begins a three-programme run.

**Stories and Rhymes** (Tuesday 14.40, Thursday 10.18, VHF 4).

"Anything can happen" is an apt title for a miscellany of poems by Jacques Prévert, Ted Hughes and Spoke (Wednesday 14.40; Thursday 11.55, BBC 1).

A factual programme for sixth-formers about the transition from school to work.

## Robin Wood

There are a number of reasons extraneous to the films themselves which predispose critics, in favour of *Whinstanley*, the film by Kevin Brownlow and Andrew Mollo about the "Digger" rebellion in the time of Cromwell, now running at the Other Cinema. One is eager to find merit anywhere in the other cinema; its political content (apart from a few marginal signs of life in the horror genre), is so impeded, in its prestige production (*O Lucky Man!* *Mother*) as micro-fictions, that one looks for something to support the cause, and the heart-breaking, political and substantive, at any independent effort. More particularly, one knows that *Whinstanley* was a labour of love, that Brownlow and Mollo struggled for years to make it up and shoot it. It is, we might add, a condition demanding the utmost dedication from everyone concerned. And then there is the Other Cinema, for years among the most enterprising and committed of British independent distributors, an important part of the British film culture, who, after a period of severe financial disaster and potential dissolution, have chosen *Whinstanley* with which to open their new

people have devoted *Midas* to collecting essays and building model railways, and these activities provide fair analogies for Brownlow/Mollo's involvement in *Whinstanley*. One is accustomed to argue that form and content are indivisible in a work of art, but *Whinstanley* (which certainly knows its own kind of art?) tempts one to the contrary.

On the one hand, one has the fascinating, eloquent, and its inherent *being*, the difficulties of revolution (the two films, which it can be ultimately compared are Godard's *Wind from the East* and Camoull's *La Cécilia* (now included in the coming London Film Festival) which share the same, inescapably, Sraffa's curious self-conscious, art-of-the-film amalgam of Eisenstein, Brecht, Dreyer, and silent cinema's genres. There is no fruitful tension, style here simply negates content. The intrinsic, self-consciousness might have led (as with Camoull) to a pointing-up of suggestive relevances to our contemporary struggle to make sense of social organization and our own lives (or as with Godard) to a self-reflexive film that

**BARBARA LA MARR**  
Barbara La Marr, wearing a costume designed by Charles LeMaire in "The Heart of a Siren." (1925)  
This is one of the many photographs in "Costume Design in the Movies" by Elizabeth Lees with a foreword by Julie Harris (BCW £8.50). It is a detailed directory of designers, of interest to both film and fashion buffs.

## Theatre

# Politics and passion

The Young Vic's season opened with a production of *Antony and Cleopatra* which has pace and simplicity of style, but seldom hints at any complexity, even passion, in its protagonists. Delphine Seyrig's Cleopatra, startling in ginger wig and matching eyebrows, looks more like a Nordic heroine than the Serpent of the Nile. She is too much the conventionally hysterical female to be a convincing politician, flailing with her little fists instead of commanding "an eyebrow." It is little dignity here, let alone impetuosity, until the death scene where she is more at home with brave defiance.

There is never much evidence, either, of passion between her and Antony. Instead of the soldier/policeman who has lost his head to a captivating woman, Michael Graham Cox gives us a handsome, smirking opportunist. When he hears of the death of his wife, Fulvia, instead of discovering that

## The esoteric appeal of Samuel Beckett

## Frances Farrer

**Words and Music  
Embers  
Eh Joe**  
by Samuel Beckett.  
Stereo sound recordings as cassettes  
or open reel tapes, video-recordings  
on Philips VCR or Sony U-Matic  
cassettes,  
University of London, Audio-Visual  
Centre, 11 Bedford Square, London  
WC1.

The radio and television plays of Samuel Beckett are rarely produced. One or two broadcasts each have been the usual quota. So now Dr Katherine Worth, reader in English at Royal Holloway College, has recorded three of the plays for use on her own courses and for hire.

Patrick Magee plays Words with precision and some humour, and Denys Hawthorne as the artist ranges very well between querulousness and despair. As the music was commissioned, Music is a new character. He is an impressive one, entering and leaving the play with varying degrees of enthusiasm, repeating himself, expressing disappointment. As in all Beckett's work there is little optimism.

*Words and Music* is the simplest of these plays and probably the one most useful for schools. This production is clear and direct and should appeal to sixth-form students of Beckett or related modern literature.

recorded, the stereo is excellent for the omnipresent sea, and Elvi Hale plays both wife and child with sensitivity and skill. But the concepts are sophisticated for all but advanced sixth formers.

With *Eh Joe* the Audio Visual Centre has rather overtaxed itself. This is a television play with almost no action, which presents great problems to the director. David Clark, who also directed the two radio plays, keeps the main character as a talking head for most of the play simply closing in slowly on the face. While Patrick McGehee varies his expression constantly, it

will make very nice viewing. Joe is a middle-aged man who, like Henry, is obsessed with the idea of murdering women. He has manipulated and in one case destroyed, bringing on himself a terrible isolation. Only one voice is heard, that of one of the women (Elvi Hale); Joe sits on his bed listening to the monologue with increasing distress.

Since Joe has no face, his face only appears when his finger presses down, and the posture of his body, which in this production is not at all shot most of the time away, Patrick Magee manages an impressive range of despairing expressions, ending in tears but cannot convey any for the nihilistic campaign.

All three productions can be hired; *Words and Music* and *Enchanted* at £6 for 10 days, *En Joy* at £12 for 10 days. They may seem to have an esoteric appeal, but for schools that are prepared to take a risk, these productions are highly professional.

Graham Chapman play two unlikely  
Sunday 12.10, Thursday 19.05, BBC1),  
Love 1, which aims to encourage those  
sitting.